

Blind Task Force Vision Summit Committee Conference Call

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Agenda Items Relating to Children's Vision Summit at Capitol Plaza Hotel April 9-10, 2007

- 1) Exhibitors at the Conference
- 2) Presenters at the Conference
- 3) Folders for the Conference
- 4) Certificate of Attendance

Summary of Conference Call:

Donna Borgmeyer will continue to contact exhibitors for the Vision Summit. At the present time she has received positive responses from a number of agencies. These include Wolfner library for the Blind, Missouri school for the Blind, Lighthouse for the Blind, Delta Gamma center for Visually impaired Children, AlphaPointe association for the Blind, Assemblies of God Center for the Blind, Campfire USA, Governor's Council on Disability, Missouri Association for Blind athletes, Missouri Council for the Blind, N-Focus, Nano-Pac, National Federation for the Blind and Special school district of St. Louis County. Ms. Borgmeyer is waiting to hear from several other agencies and will keep the Summit Committee apprised of new exhibitors.

The presenters for the Summit have been lined up and the committee will begin to work on structuring an actual order of presentations. The opening speaker will be Nolan Crabb from Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and the closing speaker will involve Chip Haley leading a panel discussion with several visually impaired adults. The subject of both keynotes will be related to the theme of the Summit: Transition-Pathways to success. The other presenters that have been lined up include Debbi Head, Tom Culliton, Naomi Soule, Kevin Shields/Barbara Guitierrez, Christopher Craig, Joy Waddell, Maureen Stocksick, Kent Kolaga, Sheilia Styron, Dr. Tom Porter, and Ruby Ryles. These speakers will address such topics as Braille Usage, Recreation possibilities for the Blind, Early Childhood transition to School-age programming, Banking and financial record keeping for the visually impaired, low-vision aids, IEP issues, Guide dogs, low-tech devices for visually impaired individuals, the KEYS program at MSB, and other interesting subjects relating to Transition. A final program will be available as soon as possible.

The informational packets are being prepared at the Missouri School for the Blind and will contain many folders and brochures about VI agencies in the state of Missouri. Also included in this packet of information will be a certificate of attendance that attendees can take back to their school districts.

Each packet will also contain a parent survey to be sent to Missouri State University and a Summit Evaluation form.

The members of the Vision summit Committee will continue to work on details relating to the Children's Vision Summit and will keep in touch with other as the Summit draws closer.

Submitted by: Steven Berman, Chairperson, Vision Summit Committee